

CITIZEN LETS KLAN WORK IN HIS HOME

A. E. Wuppermann Denies He Is Ku Klux but Admits Liking Talks.

WOULD STAGE MEETS

Sees Fireside Klunklave as Way to Reduce Foes of Order.

OFFERS FAD FOR SOCIETY

Dr. Straton Will Preach Upon 'Invisible Empire' at Calvary To-night.

On Friday night a New York newspaper telephoned A. Edward Wuppermann, 57 West Seventy-fifth street, and accused him of being a Ku Klux Klansman. Yesterday Mr. Wuppermann, a dealer in bitters, issued a statement in which he said that he is not a citizen of the Invisible Empire but that he can imagine many less desirable affiliations.

Mr. Wuppermann has heard the Rev. Oscar Haywood, D. D., the local Klorer for the Klan, lecture. Three Klansmen in full regalia were present to let folks see what they'd look like if they joined the order. Mr. Wuppermann frankly says that he was impressed and now he offers to stage an unofficial Klunklave in any private home if the owner of such home requests it.

Mr. Wuppermann has had just such a meeting in his own apartment. A rather distinguished gathering of citizens listened to the Klorer (not Dr. Haywood, but another) and only the severity of the weather prevented another such session in the home of Mr. Wuppermann's mother in Eighty-first street.

"I have been accused," says Mr. Wuppermann in his statement, "of having held Ku Klux Klan meetings in my home. This is not the exact truth."

Let Friend Make Talk.

"I am not a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, have never been a member and do not intend to become a member. I have a friend who is a Klansman, a Kleggie, I think he calls himself, and I arranged with him to give a talk on the Klan last summer at my apartment at 57 West Seventy-fifth street.

"It was so entertaining and instructive that I repeated it on several occasions. Many of my friends were present, including a Judge, several physicians and lawyers, two or three clergymen and a quite prominent banker and financier. My friend also invited some people. I tried to arrange a similar meeting at my mother's apartment in Eighty-first street, but it was a stormy night and only three persons attended.

"The discourse was very interesting. The speaker disclaimed any purpose to sow discord among people of different religions or races, and altogether it seemed to me that it might be a very useful organization. My friend told me that nobody ever became a member of the Klan as a result of these meetings, but I am sure everybody enjoyed the talk and especially the costume, which is very impressive and lends an air of mystery to the occasion."

Suggests Winter Fad.

"You would be surprised if I mentioned the names of two or three very prominent persons who attended. I think if more people would hold these meetings there would be less violent criticism of the Klan. A good deal of this Ku Klux talk is very childish. I should be glad to arrange for meetings at private homes if any one is interested. It should become quite a winter fad among fashionable people."

The remainder of Mr. Wuppermann's statement calls attention to a magazine which, in its current issue, carries an article written by one of the Imperial Wizard's grand or staff officers. Mr. Wuppermann says that he procured this paper for the publication in question and that he is willing to procure similar literature for any other editor who is keen enough to see circulation value therein. Mr. Wuppermann specifies that the editor applying must be "respectable" and that the rates will be "very reasonable."

Klan Prevents Lynching.

As for the Klan being inclined to take liberties with the laws forbidding lynching and the like, Mr. Wuppermann repeats a story told him by Dr. Haywood. In the Bronx lecture delivered by Dr. Haywood and attended by Mr. Wuppermann the great Klorer told of a crime committed by a negro. It happened in North Carolina. The Klan was on the scene the moment the facts became public. A lynching was imminent, but the Klansmen stepped between the negro and the mob, not only preventing the proposed lynching but delivering the criminal into the hands of the Sheriff in the next county.

Aside from Mr. Wuppermann's statement, little came to pass yesterday to bring the Klan into local prominence. The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, who will preach on the Klan at Calvary Church to-night, says that he has not received from his first intention to rebuke Ku Klux Klansmen to the issue of undesirable institutions. He says that he cannot believe that there is a division of sentiment among the trustees of Calvary Church regarding his attitude toward the Klan and Dr. Haywood. Dr. Haywood's name has not been restored to the church calendar, he said.

BRITISH COLUMBIA INVESTIGATES KLAN

Provincial Police Ordered to Make Inquiry.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 2.—Reported activities of the Ku Klux Klan in British Columbia, particularly in the neighborhood of Cranbrook, were being investigated to-day by provincial police under orders from Attorney-General Macdonald. Public notice of the proposed organization of a branch of the Klan at Cranbrook, with the object of "enforcing law and order," resulted in immediate action by provincial authorities.

GETS \$41,000 FOR LOST HAND.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2.—Clinton F. Anderson, who lost a hand by accident while working on the Ford Marquette Railroad, was awarded a jury verdict of \$41,000 yesterday. He is the father of eleven children.

Tons of New Zealand Butter Will Come Here

NEW YORK CITY, which loves butter more than any other city in the world, is eating so much butter that the domestic supply is inadequate. Large quantities of butter are being shipped to this city from Denmark and Holland and also from Canada. One of the biggest wholesale dealers in the city closed a contract last week for the importation of several tons of creamery butter from New Zealand.

The entire lot will be shipped direct from New Zealand to New York in a specially refrigerated steamship.

TELLS FRATERNITY MEN OF LINCOLN ANECDOTES

Henry T. Thomas Speaks at Closing Sessions.

Reminiscences of his boyhood acquaintance with Lincoln and incidents of the rail splitter's early political career were told yesterday by Henry T. Thomas of 79 Fifth avenue at the Interfraternity Conference which closed its fourteenth annual convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Mr. Thomas was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1894.

"Who is that homely man?" little Henry asked his father one day back in Illinois before the sixties.

"My son, that man isn't homely," the elder Thomas replied. When he talks before a jury he is the handsomest man in the West, the most eloquent, and the best."

From that day, Mr. Thomas said, he was a Lincoln man. He is a member of Zeta Psi.

The following officers of the Interfraternity conference were elected: Chairman, John J. Kuhn, Delta Chi, Cornell; '88; vice-chairman, Willis O. Cobb, Beta Theta Pi, Ohio Wesleyan; treasurer, Dr. Walter H. Conley, Phi Sigma Kappa, Union; '81; secretary, A. Bruce Helaski, Delta Tau Delta, George Washington; W. educational advisor, Dr. Thomas Arlie Clark, dean of men at University of Illinois, '90.

NEWFOUNDLAND GETS GREAT PAPER PLANT

Premier Tells How England Will Help Finance It.

Sir Richard Squires, K. B. E., Premier of Newfoundland, who arrived Friday night on the Aquitania, told yesterday of persuading the British Government to finance a 250,000 horsepower water development in the colony to operate a pulp and paper mill capable of trebling the island's present export of news print paper. The plant will be one of the largest in the world.

A contract has been let for completion within two years of a plant with 80,000 horsepower, leaving the remainder of the power to be harnessed later. The initial daily capacity of the plant will be 400 tons of news print. The present production of the island is 200 tons a day.

The project is to be financed by a bond issue of \$4,000,000, or about \$18,000,000 at the present rate of exchange. Of this amount, Sir Richard said, half is guaranteed by the British Government under the trade facilities act, and Newfoundland is asked to give a guarantee for the remainder. Most of the product of the mill will be sent to the London and New York markets, the visitor said.

WAR SAVINGS ISSUES MAY BE EXCHANGED

Branches of Reserve Bank and Post Offices in List.

The Federal Reserve Bank announced yesterday the opening of two temporary offices at 125th street and Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue to accommodate holders of war savings certificates and stamps of the series of 1918, which are due January 1, 1923, and which may now be presented for exchange or for redemption for the new Treasury savings certificates.

In addition the Federal Reserve Bank is now handling the stamps at its annex, 97 Maiden lane. The offices will be open until further notice from 9:30 A. M. to 4 P. M. every week day, except Saturday, when they will close at noon. Interpreters will be present to assist those who do not speak English.

Arrangements have also been made by the Treasury Department under which post offices and banking institutions will handle exchange and redemption transactions for the public. It is estimated that at least half a million holders of 1918 War Savings Stamps are in Greater New York, and while these stamps do not actually mature until January 1, 1923, holders are urged to present them immediately for either redemption or exchange. New Treasury savings certificates will be issued immediately in exchange for maturing stamps. Checks in payment of stamps presented for redemption will be mailed holders on or about January 1, 1923.

1,438 CASES OF LIQUOR MYSTERIOUSLY GONE

Official of Warehouse Reports Loss of Gin.

E. C. Yellowley, Acting Prohibition Director, is investigating the disappearance of 1,438 cases of imported gin from the warehouse of Morris Hahn & Co., Inc., at 513 West Twenty-sixth street, between November 15 and 25. The firm had a permit to deal in liquor for medicinal purposes.

J. Lillenthal, vice president of the firm, notified the police of the West fourth street station giving a missing Day of the loss of the gin. The police notified Mr. Yellowley that there was no sign of a robbery of the warehouse and that two members of the firm had left the country. Summonses have been issued for Mr. Lillenthal and employees of the concern to appear before United States Commissioner Hitchcock tomorrow.

MUST REELECT OFFICERS.

Democratic Women Otherwise Will Have to Buy Stationery.

Mrs. Robins A. Lau, president of the Women's Democratic Forum, which met yesterday in the Hotel Astor, advanced this argument for retaining its entire list of officers at the election in January: "I give you warning, ladies, that if you don't reelect your officers you will have to buy an entire new lot of stationery." The members, numbering about a score, seemed duly impressed with the weight of her words.

Mrs. F. J. Gantt told the women that the way to get power is to act in concert and that the men are beginning to feel anxious about women's votes and wondering what is the best way to get hold of them for their own use.

NORKIN TELLS HOW BECKER SLEW WIFE

Husband's Comrade Says He Watched While Woman Was Dragged to Pit.

DROVE HER INTO LOT

Men Stood on Mound With Hands Clapsed and Swore Perpetual Secrecy.

SEEN DIGGING DAY BEFORE

New Indictment Likely This Week—Fannie Bloom Mystery to Be Pushed.

How Abraham Becker murdered his wife, Jennie, by striking her over the head with an iron bar and then burying her alive early on April 7 last was told yesterday in a sworn confession by Reuben Norkin. The woman's body had been dug up on Wednesday from a boiler pit in the yard of Norkin's automobile repair shop at 140th street and Southern Boulevard, the Bronx, where Norkin had guided the police.

The confession, made public by Edward J. Glennon, District Attorney of the Bronx, said Norkin served as lookout while Becker felled the mother of his four children from behind, dragged her thirty feet by the coat collar and threw her groaning into the pit—shoveling her under with earth and slabs of rock.

Then, standing on the mound with hands clapsed, the two men entered into solemn compact never to betray one another.

"I didn't get any money for it like they say," Norkin insisted, according to Mr. Glennon. "I did it out of friendship for Becker."

Walter McDonald, night man in charge of a lunch wagon several blocks from the Norkin yard on the night of the murder, and Harry Terley, a customer, have provided important corroboration of Norkin's confession, said Mr. Glennon.

Norkin said Becker picked him up at the lunch wagon at about 1:30 A. M. and drove him to 139th street and Southern Boulevard, where Mrs. Becker was waiting. Taking Mrs. Becker aboard, while Norkin moved out on the runningboard, Becker drove slowly into the yard and, pretending the engine had stalled, came to a stop.

Becker got out and lifted the engine hood, pretending to examine the carburetor. He asked first Norkin, then Mrs. Becker, to take a look at it. When his wife, all unsuspecting, bent over to peer down into the cylinders by the vague light from a distant street arc, Becker, with an eighteen inch iron bar, struck her back of the ear.

The autopsy revealed that the blow had fractured her skull. It did not kill her outright, according to Norkin, who heard her groans as Becker seized her collar and dragged her through a hole

in the fence of corrugated iron which screened the shop from the boiler pit. While Becker buried the woman's body Norkin stayed out in the open, keeping an eye out for any one approaching.

Becker had taken his wife to call on Mrs. Jennie Linder, 17 East 114th street, on the previous evening, and had insisted on staying there until after midnight. Previously the long neglected wife, overjoyed at her husband's invitation to a taxicab ride, had said to neighbors: "Oh, he's going to be good to me now."

Norkin alleged, however, Becker had plotted his wife's death for weeks, and had often discussed the relative advantages of poisoning, strangling and drowning. Norkin had deemed drowning foolhardy, he related, because bodies always came to the surface, but Becker had said he would have sense enough to weight it with a rock.

Norkin also told how Becker had gone to the shop two mornings before and borrowed the shovel used in digging the pit.

Bloom, 23, of 571 East 190th street, employed at a poultry house at 741 East 180th street, directly facing the boiler pit, reported that he had seen Norkin and two other men digging in the yard the day before the murder. Bloom said he had asked Norkin if he was digging for gold and Norkin had only smiled.

The lunch wagon occupants told Mr. Glennon that they had seen Becker and Norkin, after a whispered conversation, leave the wagon together. On their return later their clothes seemed mussed, they said, and both seemed under a strain. Becker bought many cigars and smoked one after another.

Albert Cohn, Assistant District Attorney, said Becker would be arraigned on Monday on the charge of first degree murder, on which he has been indicted. Evidence against Norkin, he said, would be submitted to the Grand Jury on Thursday. His assertion that Norkin "looks like a principal to me in this case" was believed to indicate that he will ask for Norkin's indictment on a similar charge.

Anna Elias, the woman companion of Becker, lost possession of her three-year-old baby by Becker, when arraigned on a charge of improper guardianship before Justice Cornelius F. Collins in the Bronx Children's Court. The child was committed to the Hebrew Infant Asylum, in Kingsbridge road. The mother became hysterical when the child was taken away, but became calm when Justice Collins said she could visit it from time to time.

She is being cared for by friends of Mr. Cohn.

Several thousand persons were at the Norkin lot at afternoon, while Mr. Cohn and the police combed it for further evidence. Mathematical survey of the pit and yard was made for the trial.

Mr. Cohn produced a copy of a telegram which he said Becker had filed in Philadelphia two weeks after the murder and addressed to himself in New York, signed with his wife's name. It read: "Everything is O. K. with me. Letter will follow."

JENNIE.

Special investigation will be commenced on Monday into the disappearance in 1915 of Fannie Bloom, whom Norkin admitted knowing.

DAUGHTERY TO REPLY TO CHARGES TO-DAY

Statement Expected to Sound Call for Finish Fight.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.

The charges brought by Representative Keller (Rep. Minn.) as ground for his resolution for impeachment of Attorney-General Daugherty were discussed to-day at a conference of Mr. Daugherty and some of his advisers. The Attorney-General is prepared to make a complete answer to each of the charges cited by Representative Keller. A statement on the Keller charges from the Attorney-General will be issued to-morrow. It is expected to make known the Attorney-General's purpose to engage in a finish fight with his accusers.

WEATHERBEE TO HEAD NEW SPECIALTY SHOP

Will Open at 603 Fifth Avenue Early Next Year.

Hicks Arnold Weatherbee, who was president of Arnold, Constable & Co. for twelve years and who recently withdrew from that firm, following its sale, announced yesterday that he would open a specialty shop at 603 Fifth avenue. He will head the new venture, which will do business under the name of Weatherbee & Co.

Associated with him as vice-president and secretary, respectively, will be Joseph Ryan, for twenty-five years with Arnold, Constable & Co., and Miss Margaret Kip Richardson, for ten years with the same firm. The building, which is being remodelled, will be ready for occupancy between January 1 and January 15. The lease which Mr. Weatherbee has acquired has sixteen years to run.

BISHOP DUNN OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY TO-DAY

Will Pontificate at Mass in Annunciation Church.

The Right Rev. John J. Dunn, Bishop of the New York diocese, chairman of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and late chancellor of the diocese, will have been rector of the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, 1112 street and Convent avenue, one year to-day. He succeeded the Right Rev. Mgr. William L. Penny. The Bishop will pontificate at the 11 o'clock high mass in the church.

Bishop Dunn, who enjoys a national reputation for his work in the propagation society, of which he was the active head for many years, has vastly improved his church since going to Harlem. Although his parish responsibilities are many, he finds time to assist Archbishop Hayes in the latter's episcopal appointments in all parts of the archdiocese.

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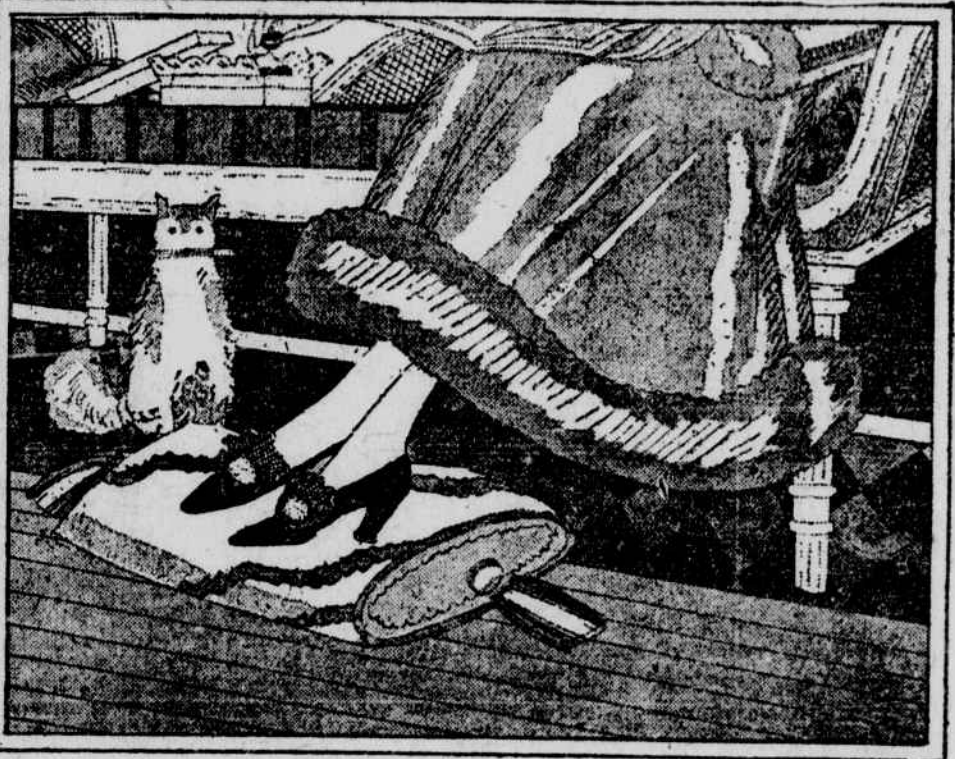
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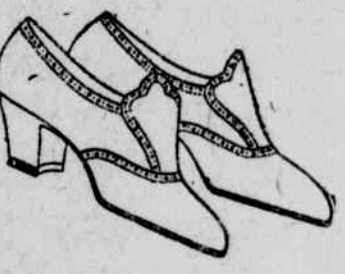
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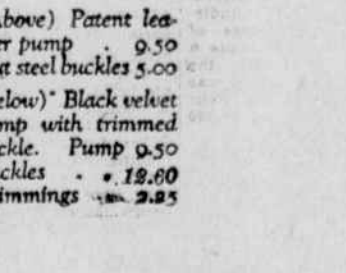
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